

KEYSTONE CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP

Members

Mayor Nancy Conard
Captain Clark Jennison
Captain Tim McGuire
Forest Shomer

January 7, 2005

Washington State Legislature
Legislative Transportation Committee
531 15th Avenue SE
P.O. Box 40937
Olympia, Washington 98504

Subject: Keystone Harbor Study Citizen Advisory Group (CAG)

Dear Committee Members:

The Keystone Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) met six times between June and December 2004 to help guide Washington State Ferries' (WSF) analysis of Keystone Harbor. Our role, agreed upon and adopted at the outset of the CAG process, was to provide input, ask questions and offer our opinion as information was presented. During this six month period we reviewed technical information brought to us by WSF, asked questions, and offered our opinion on a broad range of study areas including traffic, environmental impacts, ridership, safety, costs, and vessel and harbor scenarios. At each CAG meeting we identified issues the technical team should address or study and confirmed next steps for the study.

This letter is to show our support of the Keystone Harbor Study process and the path forward proposed by WSF. For each study area our input was considered and our comments and questions led to revisions, clarification and expansion of the technical studies. Over the last six months, new options for staying in the harbor were identified, thanks both to the technical analysis and the active participation of the CAG.

During the course of this study, it has become clear to us that the question of what to do with the Keystone-Port Townsend ferry route is a complicated issue. Because of this, we recognize that WSF still has more analysis to do before it can identify a preferred course of action for Keystone Harbor. At this stage, we believe WSF is carrying the right four options forward for further study.

In conclusion, we believe that continued study of these four options will bring WSF to a solution that is workable for the ferry system, the community, and other users of the route. We look forward to continuing to participate in the public process as WSF's planning and environmental studies continue.

Sincerely,



Mayor Nancy Conard



Capt. Clark Jennison



Capt. Tim McGuire



Forest Shomer